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IMPACT OF URBANISATION ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing problems related to public health and environmental hazards due to rapid urbanisation in the country; and

(b) if so, the action-plan formulated so far to control the situation particularly in the big cities of the country and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action plans have been formulated for mega cities. The increasing trend of pollution in big cities has been arrested due to various measures which include improvement of fuel quality, tightening of vehicular emission norms and action against the polluting industries and installation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants and Sewage Treatment Plants.Action has also been initiated for management of municipal solid waste, biomedical and hazardous wastes.